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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to you on behalf of North Oaks Health System in support of its application for the FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program funding. This FCC program will help health care providers across the nation battling the COVID-19 pandemic reach patients in need. As such, I believe North Oaks Health System's application should be considered as a candidate for the program.

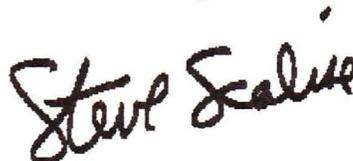
COVID-19 has significantly impacted the region serviced by North Oaks Health System in Louisiana. To address this rapidly changing environment, North Oaks Health System is looking to immediately expand and provide telehealth services to their most vulnerable and high-risk patients to prevent, detect, and treat COVID-19.

North Oaks Health System has been continually expanding telehealth services supported by broadband connectivity to reduce infection rates in the community. Funding from the FCC's COVID-19 Telehealth Program would play a vital role in assisting citizens in North Oaks Health Systems' service area who depend on them to establish these capabilities in a timely and appropriate way during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Knowing funds are limited and proposals are reviewed through a competitive process, I am respectfully asking for full and fair consideration within the applicable laws and regulations. I would appreciate your keeping me informed of the progress or outcome of the application.

If you have any questions, please contact me through Pam Marphis in my Metairie District office at Pam.Marphis@mail.house.gov or (504) 837-1259. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Steve Scalise
Member of Congress

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